

XXXIV. *Description of the male of Gastroxides ater, a Dipterous Insect belonging to the Family Tabanidæ. By W. W. SAUNDERS, Esq. F.L.S.*

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IN the first part of the third volume of the Entomological Society's Transactions I described a dipterous insect from the north of India, belonging to the family *Tabanidæ*, under the name of *Gastroxides ater*. At that time I was only acquainted with the female, but since then, through the kindness of Mr. Westwood, I have been allowed to examine and figure the male, which is in Col. Hearsey's Collection, and differs from the female in having the second joint of the abdomen rufous, and the eyes large, and contiguous vertically. This figure and description I now beg leave to lay before the Society.

*Gastroxides ater*, ♂, W. W. Saund. (Pl. XIV. fig. 3.)

(Trans. Ent. Soc. iii. p. 59, Pl. V. fig. 4, ♀.)

*Head* broader than the thorax, semicircular. *Face* yellowish brown, with a large, elevated, shining chesnut brown tubercle in the centre, extending from the mouth to the base of the antennæ. *Region of the mouth* black, hairy. *Proboscis* about the length of the head. *Eyes* dark rufous brown, large, and meeting on the vertex. *Antennæ* black, rather more slender than in the female, and having the spine at the base of the terminal joint not so prominent. *Thorax* orbicular, black, hairy. *Wings* marked as in the female. *Abdomen* black, with the posterior margin of the first joint, the whole of the second joint, and the anterior margin of the third joint, bright rufous. *Legs* black.

Length,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch; expansion of wings, 1 inch.

From Northern India.

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